

**Remarks:**

Claims 11-24 have been canceled. Remaining in the application, are Claims 1-10 which were allowed in the June 18, 2003 Office Action.

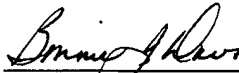
*Miscellaneous:*

Enclosed is a check for \$475 for a three-month extension of time for a small entity, to extend the time for response from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003 (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)). If this amount is incorrect, please refer to the Deposit Account Authorization previously filed with this application. If any additional extension of time is required, please consider this paper a petition for the total extension of time required.

**Conclusion**

If any issues arise that may present an obstacle to allowance, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call to discuss such matters before further action is taken. Otherwise, allowance of Claims 1-10 at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CLAIMS LISTING

1 1. (Original) A method for protecting a material from ant infestation, comprising  
2 treating the material with an effective amount of a compound selected from the group  
3 consisting of nootkatone,  $\alpha$ -cedrene, zizanol, and bicyclovetivenol, wherein the treated  
4 material repels or kills ants substantially more than does an otherwise identical material  
5 that has not been treated with the compound.

1 2. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the ants are fire ants.

1 3. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the treated material repels ants.

1 4. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the treated material kills ants.

1 5. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the material is selected from the group  
2 consisting of soil, synthetic polymers, diatomaceous earth, sand, and cellulose-containing  
3 materials.

1 6. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the compound is nootkatone.

1 7. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the compound is  $\alpha$ -cedrene.

1 8. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the compound is zizanol.

1 9. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, wherein the compound is bicyclovetivenol.

1 10. (Original) A method as in Claim 1, additionally comprising treating the material with  
2 one or more additional, different compounds selected from the group consisting of  
3 nootkatone,  $\alpha$ -cedrene, zizanol, and bicyclovetivenol.

11.-24. Canceled.

25.-74. Canceled.